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TO WINSTON LORD FOR HENRY KISSINGER

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

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THE WASHINGTON POST

JONATHAN RANDAL COVERS YOUR ARRIVAL IN PARIS YESTERDAY. HE SAYS YOUR ARRIVAL STATEMENT WAS NONCOMMITTAL WHICH CONTRASTS WITH OPTIMISM SHOWN ON EARLIER OCCASIONS. A PICTURE OF YOU AT ANDREWS APPEARS ON A 1 AND A PICTURE OF YOU WHILE MAKING YOUR ARRIVAL STATEMENTS APPEARS ON A9.

PRESS", HERB KLEIN ACCUSED CONGRESSIONAL WAR CRITICS OF APPLY-
ING A "DOUBLE STANDARD" IN DENOUNCING ADMINISTRATION WAR POLICY
AFTER "PARTICIPATING IN AN ELECTION WHERE THE PRESIDENT HAD A
VERY CLEAR MANDATE TO PROCEED THE WAY HE HAS ON VIETNAM." COM-
MENTING ON THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING HEAVY BOMBING OF NORTH
VIETNAM, HE SAID: "I WOULD NOT RULE OUT ANY TACTIC THAT IS
NECESSARY TO PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES OR TO CARRY OUT THE MILITARY
OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL." EHRLICHMAN DEFENDED THE PRESI-
DENT'S FAILURE TO CONSULT CONGRESS BEFORE LAUNCHING THE DECEMBER
BOMBING CAMPAIGN. (A 1)

WILLIAM CHAPMAN REPORTS THAT EXTENSIVE SPECIAL SURVEYS BY THE
GALLUP ORGANIZATION SHOWS THE AMERICAN PUBLIC'S CONCERN ABOUT
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS SHARPLY DIMINISHED IN
RECENT YEARS AND IS NOW CONCENTRATED ON DOMESTIC ISSUES. DURING
MID 1972, THE ONLY ISSUE INVOLVING FOREIGN AFFAIRS RANKING HIGH
ON THE LIST OF CONCERNS WAS THE WAR IN VIETNAM. (A 1)

IN NEW YORK, DURING AN INTERVIEW ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS", PRIME
MINISTER JACK LYNCH SAID THAT BRITISH TROOPS SHOULD REMAIN IN
NORTHERN IRELAND FOR "SOME TIME" TO COME. FOLLOWING THE INTER-
VIEW, HIS AUTO WAS PELTED WITH EGGS AS HE LEFT THE TELEVISION
STUDIO. SEVERAL NEWSMEN AND SECRET SERVICE AGENTS OUTSIDE WERE
ALSO STRUCK. (A 5)

PETER OSNOS REPORTS FROM SAIGON THAT THE U. S. IS PLANNING TO
LEAVE SEVERAL THOUSAND CIVILIAN ADVISERS AND TECHNICIANS IN SOUTH
VIETNAM WHEN THE MILITARY WITHDRAWS, BUT THE NUMBER WILL BE LOWER
AND GRADUALLY REDUCED. U. S. OFFICIALS HAVE GONE TO SOME LENGTHS
TO PORTRAY THE U. S. PRESENCE AFTER THE EXPECTED CEASE-FIRE AS A
LIMITED ONE. MANY OF THE CIVILIANS WILL BE INVOLVED GETTING THE
MILITARY OUT QUICKLY AND THEN WILL LEAVE THEMSELVES. ABOUT A
THOUSAND WILL BE WITH AID SERVING IN RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOP-
MENT PROJECTS AND AS POLICE ADVISERS. THE REST, AN UNKNOWN NUM-
BER, WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT
AND ARMED FORCES, MOSTLY ON CONTRACTS APPROVED AND FUNDED THROUGH
DDO. (A 6)

IN A NEWS ^{No Objection to Declassification in Part 2010/08/06 : LOC-HAK-248-3-22-9} ARTICLE, ~~STATE WRITER GREENWALD REPORTS THAT THE PARIS~~ TALKS RESUME TODAY AFTER A BRIEF, BUT SAVAGE TEST OF WILLS. BOTH SIDES CLAIM TO HAVE WON THAT TEST. ONE VITAL QUESTION REMAINING IS WHAT CAN THE ADMINISTRATION DO IF THE PEACE TALKS COLLAPSE? THE OPINION OF MANY EXPERTS AND LEGISLATORS IS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S OPTIONS ARE NARROWING AND IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO RESUME THE BOMBING OF HANOI. (A 9)

WILLIAM DULLFORCE REPORTS THAT AN USUALLY WELL-INFORMED EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL HAS TOLD HIM THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAS INSTRUCTED GENERAL ISMAIL TO PLAN AN EGYPTIAN MILITARY RESPONSE TO ISRAELI AIR AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS AGAINST SYRIA. CAIRO NEWSPAPERS OVER THE PAST THREE DAYS HAVE BEEN REPORTING "THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THE SYRIAN FRONT AND THE INCREASED TENSION" THERE. (A 12)

(AN ISRAELI SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED EARLY THIS MORNING THAT ISRAELI AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN FIVE SYRIAN MIG-21S IN DOG FIGHTS DURING AN AIRRAID OVER TWO SYRAIN RADAR STATIONS.)

EVANS AND NOVAK REPORT ON THE CURRENT DISPUTE BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OVER VIETNAM. WITH THE PRESIDENT HAVING THE UPPER HAND, WITH NO CHANCE THAT CONGRESS CAN FORCE HIS HAND FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS, THE MESSAGE IS GETTING THROUGH TO HANOI THAT CONGRESS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO IMPOSE ITS WILL ON THE WHITE HOUSE.

(A 21)

YOUR ARRIVAL IN PARIS IS COVERED ON TODAY'S FRONT PAGE ALONG WITH YOUR STATEMENT TO THE PRESS MADE AT ORLY AIRPORT. (A 1)

PHNOM PENH - MARSHAL LON NOL HAS RESPONDED TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS GIVEN TO HIM BY THE NEW YORK TIMES, WHERE HE SAID THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS PROMISED CAMBODIA RESOLUTE SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE FOR HER FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. LON NOL INDICATED THAT THIS PLEDGE OF SUPPORT CAME DURING GENERAL HAIG'S DECEMBER 10 MEETING WITH CAMBODIAN PRESIDENT. (A 1)

STOCKHOLM - SWEDISH PREMIER PALME REJECTED SOME OF HIS VIEWS ON THE CURRENT STRAINS BETWEEN SWEDISH - U.S. RELATIONS. HE INDICATED THAT SWEDEN WAS NOT ANTI-AMERICAN BUT ANTI-VIETNAM WAR. PALME ALSO SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW CLOSE AND FRIENDLY TIES WOULD BE RESUMED ONCE THE WAR WAS OVER BECAUSE SWEDEN WAS "PROBABLY THE MOST PRO-AMERICAN COUNTRY IN EUROPE. (A 8)

KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN ASKED THE U.S. TODAY TO TAKE NEW POSITIVE STEPS TOWARD ENDING ARAB-ISRAELI DIFFERENCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HUSSEIN SEEMED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS THAT A BREAKTHROUGH IN PEACE INITIATIVES MAY OCCUR. (A 8)

ANTHONY LEWIS ENTITLES HIS ARTICLE TODAY "THE LIMITS OF POWER," WHERE HE INDICATED THAT THE VIETNAM WAR WILL HAMPER THE PRESIDENT'S FUTURE INITIATIVE FOR ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC RELATIONS IN EUROPE. THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE AMONG EUROPEAN LEADERS IS NOT ONE THAT WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL DURING YOUR RENEWED TALKS WITH LE DUC THO THAT YOU CONSIDER THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE U.S. CAREFULLY. LEWIS STATES THAT YOUR MAIN WEAKNESS AT THE NEGOTIATING SESSION IS THE GENERALLY CRITICAL FOREIGN VIEW OF A CONTINUING AMERICAN WAR IN VIETNAM. LEWIS FEELS THAT UNDOING THE OCTOBER PEACE TERMS MAY HAVE HAD ONE ESPECIALLY DAMAGING EFFECT -- TO MAKE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LESS WILLING TO RELEASE AMERICAN PRISONERS, AND ADDS THAT THE CHARACTER OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IS ONE OF DETERMINATION AND BRAVERY.

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THE BALTIMORE SUN

SAIGON - A SOUTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION OF SIX SENATORS IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE SAIGON TOMORROW ON A MONTHS TOUR TO EXPLAIN SOUTH VIETNAM'S POSITION ON THE ISSUES OF A PEACE SETTLEMENT. THE TOUR WILL INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND FRANCE. (A 2)

NORTH VIETNAM BOOSTED YESTERDAY THAT ITS PEOPLE HAD TRIUMPHED OVER AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY IN SPITE OF HEAVY AMERICAN BOMBING. HANOI SAID THAT WAR MATERIALS ARE STILL REACHING THE FRONT DESPITE AMERICAN SENSORY DEVICES. (A 2)